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SUBJECT: IRELAND WELCOMES THE NEWLY FORMED GOVERNMENT IN
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(SBU) On May 23, emboff delivered reftel points to Department of Foreign Affairs Middle East and North Africa Section Deputy Director Stephen Dawson. In response, Dawson said although no public announcements are expected to be issued by the GOI, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Dermot Ahern will insert a statement welcoming the newly established Iraqi Cabinet when answering questions pertaining to the situation in Iraq in Parliament. He also stated that the GOI does not envision sending any officials to Iraq, due to the lack of any pertinent issues to discuss, but will meet with Iraqi officials traveling to Ireland in June.

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